

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence discussed President Obama's recent comments about the failed stimulus and the need to cut spending this morning on Fox and Friends:

Transcript:

**Steve Doocy:** Hey, things are looking really good for you, according to the polls. Meanwhile, the President of the United States, it sounds like, in the form of this New York Times magazine article, is helping your Republican colleagues because he admits, despite what we heard in the build-up to the stimulus, the president says he's discovered there is no such thing as a shovel ready project.

**Rep. Pence:** After being told for the last year and a half that the stimulus bill was focusing resources on shovel ready projects that would put Americans backs to work, now the president makes that concession. I was also struck by the fact he told the New York Times that he had made a tactical error. I think his quote was, "by allowing himself to be painted as a traditional tax and spend liberal." Well, passing massive tax increases in Obamacare, spending at record levels of deficits and debt, that will get you the label tax and spend liberal. It's not about tactics or about positioning or messaging. What the president seems to continue to miss is it's really is about the policies. The American people know their economic policies have failed. They know that we can't borrow and spend or bail our way back to a growing America. And if Republicans have a good day on November 2, it's going to be because the American people want to go back to limited government, fiscal responsibility, and reform.

**Brian Kilmeade:** It's interesting, you know who agrees with you? Robert Gibbs. He says 'we keep getting blamed because the messaging and marketing isn't good.' But in reality, no one ever talks about policy. I'm thinking to myself, did he just out his entire administration? I got to ask you, the president also is on record as saying in this story that he doesn't think Republicans are serious when they talk about cutting taxes and cutting spending. But John Boehner is on the record now. Correct?

**Rep. Pence:** Yeah. You better believe it. Look, in our Pledge to America, we laid out a plan this year where we would be willing to cut \$100 billion out of spending by taking us all the way back to 2008 levels. You've seen an 84% increase in domestic discretionary spending since this administration took office. John Boehner said the other day out on the road what we all are planning on if we have the privilege of leading the Congress and that is every single week; Republicans are going to bring legislation to the floor to cut back spending, to get this runaway deficit under control. We all rejoice at the images of those 33 miners coming up out of the well, but I got to tell you, here in Indiana and as I travel across the country, a lot of people feel like we're digging an awful deep hole ourselves for our children and our grandchildren and they want to see a change in the culture of spending in Washington, D.C. Republicans are determined to do that if we have the privilege of leading the Congress again.